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On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi national airspace committed by United States aircraft in order to carry out reconnaissance and cause provocation continued over the period 11 to 20 October 1994.

11 October 1994

(a) Northern region: 17 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 64 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Shatrah, Rumaythah, Khidr, Ushbayjah, Chabaish, Qurnah, Busayyah and Artawi.

12 October 1994

Southern region: 68 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Samawah, Basra, Qurnah, Artawi, Chabaish, Salman and Shatrah.

13 October 1994

(a) Northern region: 13 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 70 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Artawi, Qurnah, Ushbayjah and Busayyah.

At 1320 hours on 13 October 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres penetrated Iraqi airspace in the area to the south of Najaf. It left at 1427 hours in the direction of Saudi Arabia.

14 October 1994

(a) Northern region: 14 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 87 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Amarah, Samawah, Khidr, Salman, the area to the south of Najaf, Jalibah and Lasaf.

15 October 1994

Southern region: 88 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Salman, Qurnah, Busayyah, Chabaish and Jalibah.

At 1124 and 1945 hours on 15 October 1994, United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres penetrated Iraqi airspace over Nasiriyah, Artawi, Amarah, Qal'at Salih, Basra, Qurnah, Chabaish, Ushbayjah and Umm Qasr. They left in the direction of Kuwait at 1355 and 2110 hours respectively.

16 October 1994

(a) Northern region: 13 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Amadiyah, Dohuk, Zakho, Ayn Zalah, Mosul and Irbil.

(b) Southern region: 75 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Artawi, Basra, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Amarah and Busayyah.

At 0921 hours on 16 October 1994, a reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres penetrated Iraqi airspace in the Artawi area. It left at 1103 hours in the direction of Kuwait.

17 October 1994

Southern region: 81 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Samawah, Artawi, Busayyah, Jalibah, Shanafiyah and Ushbayjah.

At 0930, 1902 and 2219 hours on 17 October 1994, United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres penetrated Iraqi airspace over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Shatrah, the area to the south of Diwaniyah, the area to the south of Najaf, Umm Qasr, Ushbayjah, Lasaf and Artawi. They left in the direction of Kuwait at 1230, 2015 and 2310 hours respectively.

18 October 1994

(a) Northern region: 13 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Dohuk, Irbil, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 97 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Samawah, Basra, Qurnah, Amarah, Salman and Artawi.

At 1158 hours on 18 October 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres penetrated Iraqi airspace over Amarah, Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, the area to the south of Diwaniyah, the area to the south of Najaf, Jalibah and Artawi. It left at 1427 hours in the direction of Kuwait.

19 October 1994

(a) Northern region: 13 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Ayn Zalah and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 90 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Artawi, Jalibah, Qal'at Salih and Chabaish.

At 0916 and 1915 hours on 19 October 1994, United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres penetrated Iraqi airspace over Qurnah, Shatrah, Khidr, Jalibah, Artawi, Chabaish and Shanafiyah. They left in the direction of Kuwait at 1201 and 2000 hours respectively.

20 October 1994

(a) Northern region: 10 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Zakho, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Aqrah, Tall Afar and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 90 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Khidr, Qal'at Salih, Chabaish, Shatrah, Jalibah and Artawi.

At 1810 hours on 20 October 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres penetrated Iraqi airspace over Chabaish, Qal'at Sukkar, the area to the south of Diwaniyah, Shanafiyah, Samawah, Jalibah and Artawi. It left at 1904 hours in the direction of Kuwait.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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